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VIRGINIA GLEANINGS IN ENGLAND.

(Contributed by the late Lothrop Withington, London, Eng.)

SIMON ASTON, Citizen and Grocer of London. Will 2 August 1638; proved 15 August 1638. To wife Elizabeth $\frac{1}{2}$ of goods and executrix. Overseers: Brothers William Wheeler Esq. and Robert Aston, Citizen and Grocer of London. Richard Nelme £10 to make up accounts of Shopp. To poor of St. Peters Cheap £4. To Mother £20 per annum. To eldest son William Aston £50. Witnesses: James Smith, Thomas Lavender, John Hope. **Lee, 99.**

ELIZABETH ASTON of London, widow. Will 12 April 1647; proved 25 September 1647. I commit my body to the earth to be buried in decent manner in the parish church of All Saints Staining, London, as near to my later dear father, John Wheeler, esq., deceased, as conveniently may be, but not with pomp and solemnity or mourning, which I leave to the discretion of my brother and executor to do therein as I have to him declared. I give to my sisters Ann Wynn and Mary Anesworth 40s apiece to buy them rings. To my sister Lucilia Dodd £10 to remain in the hands of my executor to her proper use. To my brother John Wheeler 40s. for a ring to wear in remembrance of me. To my sisters Agneta Moone and Clara van de Welde the like sum apiece. To my sister Mrs. Elizabeth Wheeler a ring of 40s. price in testimony of my love and affection unto her. To my cousin Mrs. Elizabeth Aby 40s. To my cousin Mrs. Mary Ruddiard, widow, a ring of 40s. price to wear in remembrance of me. To my servant Elizabeth Cornwell £5. To Marie Butt, sometimes my servant, 20s. To eight poor widows, at the election of my executor, 10s. apiece. To the poor of St. Katherine Coleman, London, and of all Saints Steyning, 40s. to

either parish. To Master William Engler 40s. To my three sons, William, Simon, and Robert Aston, £200 apiece at their several ages of 21. To my eldest daughter Anne Aston £300, and to my youngest daughter Sarah Aston £200, at their several ages of 18. I give also to my said daughters such of my plate, linen, and woollen things, as I have set apart for them, and parcelled out with my own hands and set their names thereon. To my three sons, £5 apiece in old gold. I give unto my executors, children, and servants mourning apparel only, and desire that the rest of my friends will be contented with the legacies only before mentioned and intended unto them. The residue of my goods I give equally among my said five children. I ordain my very loving brother William Wheeler, of Westburie county, Wilts, esq., and my son William Aston my overseers. And to my said brother Master William Wheeler, for his great care and pains to be taken therein, and for a remembrance of my love to him, I give £10 to buy him a piece of plate at his discretion and pleasure. Codicil 24 July 1647. I do further declare that, in regard my sister Dod has shown great love to me in the time of my long sickness, to the £10 formerly given to her £10 more be added; and likewise that £5 more be distributed to poor widows. The mark of Elizabeth Aston Witnesses: William Steedman, Thomas Coleman, servt. to Thomas Bostocke, scr. Proved by William Wheeler, with power reserved, etc. **Fines, 188.**

The *Visitation* of London, 1634, states that Walter Aston, of London, Staffordshire (grandson of Sir Walter Aston of Tixall), had issue: 1. Thomas, living at Kilbary, Ireland; 2. Simon, of London, Grocer, who married Elizabeth, daughter of John Wheeler, of London; 3. Walter, "now in the West Indies;" 4. Robert, of London, grocer. As Virginia was then frequently referred to as in the West Indies, it is very probable that the Walter Aston referred to was the one whose tomb is at the site of the old church at Westover. The epitaph is as follows:

"Here Lyeth interred the body of leftenant

Colonell Walter Aston who died the 6th

Aprill 1656. He was Aged

49 years And

Lived in this country 28 yeares

Also here lyeth the Body of Walter Aston

the son of Leftenant Collonell Walter Aston

who departed this life ye 29th of Ianuari 1666

Aged 27 Yeares and 7 Monthes."

Walter Aston, Sr., came to Virginia in 1628, and settled in Charles City County. He was a member of the House of Burgesses for Shirley Hundred

Island 1629-30, Both Shirley Hundreds &c., 1631-32, Shirley Hundred Maine and "Cawseys Care" Sept. 1632, and Feb. 1632-3, and Charles City Co. 1642-3. He was also justice of the peace and lieutenant colonel of militia. His first wife was named Warboro, or Narbrow, and his second (who survived him and married Col. Edward Hill) was Hannah. On Aug. 2, 1646, Walter Aston patented 1040 acres in Charles City on Kymages Creek, including 200 more on "Cawseys Care." Lt. Col. Aston died in 1656 having issue: (1) Susannah, widow, in 1655, of Lieutenant Col. Edward Major; (2) Walter; (3) Mary, married Richard Cocke; (4) Elizabeth, married ——— Binns. The will of Walter Aston, Jr., was dated Dec. 21, 1666, and proved Feb. 4, 1666-67. Legatees: to his mother Hannah Hill, a parcel of land called "The Level;" to godson John Cocke, son of Richard Cocke, deceased, 4000 lbs. tobacco; to godson Edward Cocke, son of Richard Cocke, 6000 lbs. tobacco; the survivors to have the whole amount of 10,000 lbs. and if they were without issue it is to go to the other children, sisters Mary Cocke and Elizabeth Binns 20 shillings each for a ring; a gun called Pollard to servant John Mitten and a sow; to testators Irish boy Edward a sow. to Mr. George Harris, merchant, all the dividend of land at Cawseys Care, the land at Canting Point and rest of estate].

HENRY ELTONHEAD of London Merchant bound for a voyage to the East Indies in the good ship called the Hound of London. Will 23 November 1616; proved 12 February 1619-20. To my brother Nicholas Eltonhead of Greenwich county Kent, gent all my estate whatsoever and I make him sole executor. William Manley servant to Nicholas Reeve, scr., Edward Pierce servant to said scrivener. **Soame, 22.**

The ancient family of Eltonhead, of Eltonhead, Lancashire, has many descendants in Virginia. See Hayden's *Virginia Genealogies* 228-230. Henry Eltonhead, whose will is given here was evidently the son of William Eltonhead. His name and that of his brother Nicholas appear on the chart pedigree. Henry Eltonhead, whose will was dated in 1665, was a brother of Richard Eltonhead, of Eltonhead, though not named in the chart. This is evident as he mentions his brother Thomas Meares].

HENRY ELTONHEAD late of London Esq deceased. Will 27 July 1665. These seuerall following I doe giue to my Brother R. Eltonhead if I dye a single man. Moneys due to me in Ireland by bond in Mr. John Doughty's hands in Dublin £100. Mr. Thomas Houghton is bound interest due 10 in hundred this bond is in hands of Mr. Walter Scudamore. In hands of Mr. Timothy "Grolliers" in Dublin wherein Mr. James Butteele is bound at 10 in hundred. In my landlords hand Mr. Joseph Stokers in Dublin £100 at his house in Castle Street Dublin, interest to be paid by him by reason I lay two yeares in his

house and paid nothing for my chamber which I ought to pay for after the rate of five pound ten shillings a year. In my brother Richard Barrys hands my salary due from the King as Commissary for Munster £97. Two bonds of Mr. Edwd Rands £90 some years ago. Two bonds of my brother Tho. Mearas £6 in hands of Mr. Nathaniell Foulkes he lives at the sign of the Horseshoe in Castle Street Dublin. I owe Mr. William Richardson £24. Mr. Clement Hog for two last terms Business £8. Due from Mr. Denton £100. Due to my proctor Mr. John Clements £10. Grant Book 1633-1675 fo. 54. Letters of Administration with will etc to Richard Eltonhead of Eltonhead in county Lancashire in England Esq of goods of Henry Eltonhead late of London Esq deceased on 23 August 1670. **Prerogative Court of Ireland, Will Book 1663-72, folio 166.**

WILLIAM BARLOWE. Will 21 February 1617; proved 15 June 1625. If I die at Easton my body to the Chancell. God having given me ability in my lifetime to provide for my wife and children, I will now be the shorter. My daughter Anne having as yet very little of certainty I make her estate worth £300. To my brother John Barlowe 100 marks. To my son Thomas all my Loadstones and Mathematical books and instruments. To the poor of Winchester 40s. To those of the seale 30s. To poor of Easton 40s. To poor of Avington 20s. To my men servants and maids half a years wages. My wife Julyan Barlowe and my son William Barlowe joynt executors. My son William Barlow shall have £40 to assist his mother but all things to her direction. My daughters Mary and Katherine portions may amount to £300 apiece. All such reversions of the Church Coppihoulds as I shall have at my death unbar-gained for and unsold I give to my son Barnaby Barlowe. **Clarke, 67.**

About the middle of the Seventeenth century a Ralph Barlowe lived in Northampton Co., Va. Various references in the records there show that he was related to Robert Parker of that county, who, like William Barlowe, whose will is given above, was a Hampshire man. On Oct. 28, 1653, Mr. George Parker sued Mr. John Elzey, executor of Mr. Ralph Barlowe, and on June 28, 1658, Jone Elzey "of Old England" petitioned Northampton Court that Mr. John Elzey executor of Mr. Ralph Barlowe, should pay her 500 lbs. tobacco left her, in Ralph Barlowe's will].